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Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the parent specification as follows:

On page 1, before "Technical Field of the Invention", insert the following:

--RELATED CASE

This Application for United States Patent is a continuation of United States Patent Application Serial Number 09/018,742 filed on February 4, 1998, now issued as United States Patent No. _____ on _____.--

REMARKS

This case is a continuation of US Patent Application Serial No. 09/018,742 filed on February 4, 1998.

A copy of the parent specification as originally filed, but without the parent claims, is filed herewith. New claims 1-23 and the Abstract are appended to the copy of the parent specification.

A substitute specification obtained by scanning the parent specification into Microsoft Word is also filed herewith, and the new claims and Abstract are included therewith. Care was taken to see that no new matter was added.

The substitute specification includes the amendment to the specification made within this Preliminary Amendment.

All independent claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. All dependent claims are believed to be dependent from allowable independent claims, and therefore in condition for allowance.

Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Please charge any additional fee occasioned by this paper to our Deposit Account No. 03-1237.

Respectfully submitted,



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